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TAGS: OTRA (MARTIN, EDWIN M) PFOR, EAGR, SF
SUBJ: TRAVEL OF EDWIN M. MARTIN OF WORLD BANK

REF: STATE 162216

1. WE ARE POUCHING TO AF/S AN ARTICLE FROM FEBRUARY 27 ISSUE OF AGRICULTURAL NEWS (NEWSLETTER OF DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL SERVICES AND AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND MARKETING) AND A COPY OF NEWSLETTER NO.1 OF THE AGRICULTURAL CONGRESS.

2. WE HAVE MADE LOW-KEY INQUIRIES ABOUT AUDIENCE AND WERE TOLD THAT PERSONS FROM SEVERAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES (UNNAMED) HAVE BEEN INVITED. ARTICLES MENTIONED PARA ONE CLAIM THAT FOREIGN SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE CHAIRMAN OF THE UK MILK MARKETING BOARD, DIRECTOR OF THE GRASSLAND DIVISION OF THE NEW ZEALAND SCIENTIFIC AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, AND THREE AMERICANS: DR. J.W. FITTS OF THE "AGRICULTURAL ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM IN AMERICA", J. NEIL RAUDABAUGH AND DON PAARLBERG OF USDA.

2. WITHOUT MAKING MORE POINTED INQUIRIES I FIND IT HARD TO JUDGE EXACT NATURE OF THIS CONGRESS BUT I SUSPECT THAT THE AUDIENCE WILL BE ALMOST ALL WHITE SOUTH
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AFRICAN, WITH A SPRINKLING OF FOREIGN WHITES AND A FEW

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SOUTH AFRICAN BLACKS. I WOULD ADVISE AMBASSADOR MARTIN
EITHER TO REGRET THE INVITATION OR DELAY GIVING A FINAL
ANSWER UNTIL IT BECOMES CLEARER JUST WHAT KIND OF
PARTICIPATION CAN BE EXPECTED.

3. BEFORE PASSING FOREGOING TO MARTIN, DEPARTMENT MAY
WISH INQUIRE WHETHER RAUDABAUGH AND PAARLBERG OF USDA
HAVE IN FACT RECEIVED INVITATIONS AND IF SO WHETHER THEY
HAVE INDEED ACCEPTED. AGATT BELIEVES THAT NEWSLETTER ITEMS
MAY BE MERELY TRIAL BALOONS TO PROMOTE IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE IN SA, WHICH IS NOT A MEMBER OF FAO (ALTHOUGH
IT IS MEMBER OF IBRD).
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